Cedar Tree Federation

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NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM • ISSUE 4

23rd October 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome to our fourth newsletter of the Autumn Term!

Inside this issue, you will find important reminders about parent-teacher meetings, PE and Outdoor Learning for next term, Eco News, Open Door Support, our Parent Forum, the Advent Window, and applications for primary and secondary school places.

We hope you enjoy reading!

A few important notes for families

VALUE OF THE HALF TERM	*"Living life in all its fullness"*
Thankfulness Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:20	Our Christian values of Love, Endurance, Thankfulness, Wisdom, Respect and Generosity are at the heart of our school community.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for Collective Worship on Tuesday to say goodbye to Mrs Simpson. She was truly overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and support. Thank you for helping to make it such a special and memorable occasion.

Another huge **thank you** to everyone who came along and supported our **Love Your School** morning recently. With so many willing hands, we managed to complete most of the jobs on our very long list!

Together, we tidied the Forest School area, weeded and bedded down the allotments ready for winter, filled our planters with compost, sorted rubbish ready for the recycling centre, and tidied the outdoor area around Beech Class.

A special thank you to **Kings Garden Centre** for generously supplying 60 bags of compost, and to **Mrs Woods and Mrs Kirk** for helping to arrange this – your support was very much appreciated!

We would also like to say a big thank you to **Mr Kirk, Mr Dando, Mr Staples and Mrs Maynard** for taking all the rubbish to the recycling centre, also to the parents who have been helping on Friday afternoons to tidy up the Spiritual and Wildlife Gardens.

Thank you once again to everyone who gave up their time to help make our school grounds look so lovely. Your support makes such a difference to our school community!

PE

PE will take place on the following days:

Monday - Cherry, Beech, Willow, Oak, Ash

Thursday - Maple, Willow, Oak, Ash, Cherry Chestnut

Outdoor Learning

Maple class will take part in outdoor learning on a **Tuesday** morning and **Chestnut class** on **Friday** morning.

Children will need to come to school in their forest school clothes and bring a pair of wellie boots. Please may I remind you that children need to wear long sleeves and trousers as this is part of our agreed risk assessment.

Parent Teacher Meetings Reminder

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held on **Tuesday 3rd November** and **Thursday 5th November**, with the following exceptions:

Willow Class will be holding their meetings on **Monday 2nd** and **Thursday 5th November**

Cherry Class will be holding their meetings on **Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd** and **Wednesday 4th November**.

Beech Class will also be offering an **extra hour on Friday 6th November** with **Mrs. Harwood**.

Please sign your child up via your **MCAS account**, under **Parents Evening**.

Bookings will close at **midnight on Sunday 1st November**.

The **Mental Health Support Team** will be in school during Parents' Evening on Tuesday, from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. Miss Hogan will also be available to offer advice and support.

Both will have tables set up in the KS2 cloakroom area, so please feel free to pop along if you would like to speak to them.

Reading Meetings

We are delighted to welcome our **Year 1 & 2** parents and carers to our upcoming Reading Meetings, where we will introduce you to our FFT Success for All Phonics programme.

These meetings will provide an opportunity to learn more about how we teach phonics and early reading in school, as well as how you can support your child's reading development at home.

We will share information about how our phonics sessions work, the importance of practising reading regularly, and some simple and practical ways you can support your child at home.

We really value the partnership between home and school, and hope that these sessions will help you feel confident in supporting your child as they develop their reading skills.

All presentations and information will be posted onto your google classroom and you can seek further support on the FFT Parent Portal page: Tips for Home Reading – Parent Portal . We will also be holding further reading meetings throughout the academic year if you are unable to attend.

Year 1 with Mrs Daly	Friday 20th November	3:30-4pm
Year 2 with Miss Lang	Tuesday 17th November	3:30-4pm

School Holiday Support at Open Door Exmouth

Free Meals for Children & Young People -

All children under 18 can enjoy a free meal during the school holidays at our Community Café on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. Simply choose from our school holiday menu and pick either breakfast (served until 11:30am) or lunch (served from 11:30am to 2pm).

For more info: Email info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk or call 01395 224218

Open Door Exmouth, Church Street, Exmouth. EX8 1PE

ECO News

This week, we received special bags to collect soft plastics. A huge thank you to our Year 6 pupils for coming up with this fantastic idea!

Each class will have its own collection bag for recyclable soft plastics, such as crisp packets and snack wrappers. Let's work together to reduce waste and help our environment! ♻

Once a bag is full, a child will be chosen at random to take it home and drop it off at a local soft plastic recycling point. These can be found at many major supermarkets, and we've listed the closest locations to the school below. You can find your local drop off point on this website: https://www.recyclenow.com/recycling-locator

Please note: Most recycling points require soft plastics to be sealed in a plastic bag before being dropped off.

Thank you for helping us make a positive difference to the environment!

Co-op
15 Fore Street, Co Op, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0HF
3.13 miles | 13 materials accepted

Exmouth Superstore
Salterton Road, Exmouth, EX8 2TS
3.45 miles | 13 materials accepted

Co-op
8-10 Littleham Road, Co Op, Littleham Cross, Exmo…
3.63 miles | 13 materials accepted

Co-op
3-7 Magnolia Walk, Co Op Exmouth Magnolia Walk, …
4.03 miles | 13 materials accepted

Exeter Vale Extra
Russell Way, Exeter, EX2 7EZ
4.39 miles | 13 materials accepted

Sainsbury's Pinhoe
1 Hill Barton Road, Exeter, EX1 3PF
5.42 miles | 13 materials accepted

Join Our Parent Forum

We would love to hear from parents and carers who would be interested in being part of our **Parent Forum**. The forum is a great opportunity to share ideas, give feedback and help us continue to develop and improve our school**. So far, we have had only one volunteer,** and more are needed - thank you.

If you would like to be involved, please **email the school office to register your interest**. We would love to have parents from across the different year groups represented. You can find more information on our website Parent Forum

Volunteers Needed for Our School Library!

Do you have a little time to spare? We are looking for volunteers to help keep our school library tidy and welcoming.

Tasks may include straightening shelves, organising books and keeping the library looking neat and inviting for our pupils.

If you can help, please get in touch with the school office.

PTFA News – Autumn Disco & What's Coming Next!

What a fantastic time we had at our Autumn Disco! It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying themselves, and we were hugely impressed by their energy, enthusiasm and brilliant dancing! A massive thank you to all our volunteers who generously gave up their time to help make the event such a success. We really could not do it without you!

Coming up – Our Famous Rainbow Raffle!

As we head towards the end of term, we will be asking for donations for our ever-popular Rainbow Raffle! The draw will take place during the final week of term, so keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

Disco Booking System – Your Feedback

We were really pleased with how well our new disco booking system worked. From the PTFA's perspective, it made managing bookings and collecting the necessary information much easier. As this was our first time using it, we would really welcome any feedback from parents and carers, particularly if you have suggestions for how we could improve it for future events.

Thank you, as always, for supporting the PTFA!

PTFA Dates

Autumn Term

- 10 December – Christmas event

Spring Term

- 15 January – PTFA meeting
- 11 February – Disco
- 24 March – Colour Run
- 25 March – Easter Tea from 3:15

Summer Term

- 23 April – PTFA meeting
- 27 May – Silent Disco and BBQ
- 10 July – Summer Fair

Dates for your diary

DATE	EVENT
2nd – 6th November	Parents Evening • 3.30pm- 6.30pm
5th November	Tiverton Museum • Year 1
6th November	Flu Immunisation • Whole School Year 5 parent event • 2pm
10th November	'Number Robots' Workshop • Year 1 & 2 3.30pm
13th November	Children in Need, World Diabetes Day & Shoebox collection
16th November	Odd Socks Day
17th November	Reading meeting • Year 2
18th November	Individual Photos
20th November	Reading meeting • Year 1
4th December	Exeter Trip • Year 5
8th December	Rocksteady Concert • 9.15am
10th December	PTFA Event
15th December	KS1 Nativity • 2.15pm & 5.30pm
16th December	Christmas Lunch & KS1 Nativity • 2.15pm
17th December	KS2 Carol Concert • St Swithun's Church • 6pm
18th December	Last Day of Term

AUTUMN TERM 1	AUTUMN HALF TERM	AUTUMN TERM 2
7th September – 23rd October	26th October – 30th October	2nd November – 18th December

SPRING TERM 1	SPRING HALF TERM	SPRING TERM 2
5th January – 12th February	15th February – 19th February	22nd February-25th March

SUMMER TERM 1	SUMMER HALF TERM	SUMMER TERM 2
13TH April-28th May	31st May – 4th June	7TH June-22nd July

Upcoming Events

Poppy Appeal

Donations for the Royal British Legion will start after half term. We will be selling poppies and various items (wristbands/slap wrist bands/bracelets and clip on poppies) with a minimum donation of £1.00. As the items are limited, there initially will be a maximum of one item per child.

Shoebox Appeal

We are delighted to be supporting Christ church's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal again this year, which brings such joy to many children in Moldova, who would otherwise not be receiving any gifts. This week the classes had a visit from Livi Ju, representing Christ church, who explained to the children about the appeal and the sorts of items that could be gathered for a shoebox. Please see the attached leaflet for more information. If you would like to donate a shoebox, please can these be brought in after half term as they are being collected from school on **the morning of Friday 13th November.**

Community Meeting

Your local Neighbourhood Team will be at Woodbury Church Rooms on **Monday 26th October at 18:00**.

Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and to find out what they are doing to tackle the issues that matter to you.

Everyone is welcome they would love to see you there. For more information please contact me - PCSO Emily McGuire on 32048@dc.police.uk

Advent Window – Woodbury Parish Council Request

We have been contacted by Woodbury Parish Council, who have invited your children to get involved in creating their Advent Window this year. The theme for the window is **'An Enchanted Orchard'**. The Parish Council will be using a silk projection screen and would love the children to create silhouettes of birds or woodland animals to form part of the display. Ideas could include owls, squirrels, deer, rabbits, hedgehogs, bats, foxes, badgers or weasels.

If your child would like to take part, please could they create their silhouette at home using **black, grey or dark blue card**. Silhouettes can be approximately **10–30cm** in size.

Please return completed silhouettes to school in time for **collection on Friday 13th November.**

The finished window will be ready for the **switch-on on Tuesday 1st December**, and all children and families will be warmly invited to the launch. Further details will follow.

The window will then be lit throughout December as part of the **Advent Windows Charity Fundraiser.**

Christchurch Annual Light Walk 31st October ✨

Join Christchurch for a fun-filled Light Walk around the village from 5pm!

There will be lots of exciting light stations to find as you solve clues and riddles along the way. There will also be challenges, sweets, hot dogs, glow sticks and lots more!

🎃 £5 per family, which includes food. Booking is essential by the end of today, 23rd October.
To book, please email livi.ju@christchurchwoodbury.org.uk

We hope you can join us for a fun evening! 🎃 ✨

Secondary School Admission Applications for September 2027

If your child has just started Year 6 you can apply now for their place at secondary school for September 2027.

Once you have chosen a school(s), use their online application form to express your preference(s). You can name up to three different schools, and these are equally ranked preferences, which means you can apply for the schools you most want without affecting your chances of a place at other schools.

If you cannot apply online, please contact the Education helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you. Applications close on 31st October 2026.

Primary School Admission Tours for September 2027

We have dates on our website of when we are doing tours for children who will be starting school in September 2027. We are also having an open morning on Saturday November 7th from 10am – 1pm, please email woodburyadmin@cedartreefederation.org if you would like to attend.

The OPENING date for reception applications is 15th November 2026 Apply for a reception place at a primary school (devon.gov.uk) and applications deadline is 15th January 2027.

Wishing you a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 2nd November.**

Miss Gillian Pyle, Headteacher

Living life in all its fullness John 10:10